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RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

1. If we accept the validity of the basic assumptions of the subject plan (as I feel we must), then it would seem imperative that some form of assuring the continuity of essential wartime functions be devised in addition to that provided by the current Emergency Relocation Plan. All planning and thinking enunciated by authoritative sources on this subject within the recent past indicate that Permanent Nearby Relocation will emerge ultimately in one form or another.

2. We do not feel that the proposed program for establishing a line of succession in command among field offices, enabling them to assume and exercise headquarters authority if the headquarters itself be eliminated, is feasible in this Agency, in view of the fact that our field offices as now constituted do not lend themselves to this potential responsibility. Similarly, we do not feel that any scheme of permanent distant relocation, designed to remove self-contained functions to a site at great distance from Washington, is feasible in this Agency for the reason that none of our functions is self-contained or autonomous to the point where it could operate independently of the rest of the organization and the central government.

3. With respect to the proposed Emergency Relocation Program, we feel that this embraces substantially what we have now in our [] plan, except that the assumption [] is abandoned in favor of the more realistic assumption of occupancy and operation by selected key personnel, supplemented by other survivors, for the duration of the emergency. 25X1A

4. With regard to the proposed program of Permanent Nearby Relocation, it is our belief that we could ill afford to oppose the basic principle involved but, rather, that we should insist that the matter be handled in such manner that this Agency be permitted to work out the solution to the problem in the light of its own particular and peculiar responsibilities and mission, without mandatory supervision by the Office of Defense Mobilization or any other agency of government.

5. We therefore recommend that you express approval of the current proposed Plan for Continuity of Essential Wartime Functions of the Executive Branch in principle only (as a guide to future detailed planning) and that you stipulate, in expressing such approval, that this Agency be given complete and unlimited authority to work out the application of the plan in its own best judgment in terms of its own requirements, responsibilities and mission.

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